

VZCZCXRO7411  
PP RUEHAG RUEHDF RUEHIK RUEHLZ RUEHROV  
DE RUEHTC #0183 0571526  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH  
P 261526Z FEB 08  
FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1139  
INFO RUCNMEM/EU MEMBER STATES COLLECTIVE PRIORITY  
RUEHAT/AMCONSUL AMSTERDAM PRIORITY 3902  
RHEBAAA/DEPT OF ENERGY WASHDC PRIORITY  
RHEHAAA/WHITE HOUSE WASHDC PRIORITY  
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY  
RUCPDOG/DEPT OF COMMERCE WASHDC PRIORITY  
RUEHRC/DEPT OF AGRICULTURE WASHDC PRIORITY  
RUEANAT/NASA WASHDC PRIORITY

UNCLAS THE HAGUE 000183

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE  
SIPDIS

STATE FOR EUR/WE (TSMITH), OES/PCI (SSPECHT, CHILL)  
USDOC FOR 4212/USFS/MAC/EURA/OWE/DCALVERT  
WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC AND CEQ

E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: [KSCA](#) [KPAO](#) [ENRG](#) [SENV](#) [TRGY](#) [EPET](#) [EAID](#) [SOCI](#) [KGHG](#)  
NL  
SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/WIREC: TIMMERMANS TO LEAD DUTCH  
DELEGATION

REF: A. STATE 15566  
[1](#)B. HEUNG-SPECHT EMAIL 20 FEB 08  
[1](#)C. HEUNG-SMITH EMAIL 20 FEB 08  
[1](#)D. THE HAGUE 38  
[1](#)E. 07 THE HAGUE 1966  
[1](#)F. 07 THE HAGUE 1897

THIS MESSAGE IS SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE HANDLE  
ACCORDINGLY.

[1](#)1. (U) In separate discussions February 20, Dutch officials  
Femke Smeets, Policy Officer, Directorate for Foreign  
Economic Relations, Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA), and  
Femke Hoogeveen, Senior Policy Officer, Economic and  
Ecological Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA),  
told Econoff that the Dutch planned to send the following  
delegation to the March 4-6 Washington International  
Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC):

-- Frans Timmermans, Minister for European Affairs, MFA  
(Delegation Head)  
-- Marjanne de Kwaasteniet, Deputy Director General for  
European Cooperation and Director for Economic and Ecological  
Cooperation, MFA  
-- (TBD) Policy Officer, Directorate for International  
Cooperation, MFA  
-- Eric Eijkeberg, Deputy Director for Energy and  
Sustainability, MEA  
-- Willem van der Heul, Coordinator for Sustainable Energy,  
MEA  
-- Ron van Erk, Policy Officer, MEA

[1](#)2. (U) Hoogeveen said the Dutch Embassy in Washington would  
register the delegation in accordance with procedures  
specified in ref A. Post also forwarded this information via  
email on February 20 to OES/PCI Stan Specht and EUR  
Netherlands Desk Officer Tim Smith (refs B and C). See refs  
D-F for past reporting on Dutch WIREC participation.

[1](#)3. (SBU) In a follow-up conversation February 25, Hoogeveen  
told Econoff that Timmermans and the Dutch delegation planned  
to arrive in Washington on March 3. She said the Dutch  
Embassy planned to host a roundtable dinner that evening on  
transatlantic relations and separate from WIREC. She  
expected the Embassy to extend invitations to a

representative from both the State Department and Commerce.

14. (SBU) Hoogeveen said the delegation had scheduled a breakfast meeting on March 4 with Senate Foreign Relations Committee Staff Director Antony Blinken before proceeding to the WIREC event. She confirmed that Timmermans was also seeking meetings with Under Secretary Paula Dobrianksy and Department of Energy experts on the margins on WIREC. She said the Dutch Embassy in Washington would contact the State Department and Department of Energy directly for assistance in arranging these meetings.  
Schofer